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This weekend, Hollywood's most glamorous night will descend upon us. The 90th Academy Awards are airing Sunday night, pitting beautiful, rich celebrities and their films against each other fo the ultimate prize: a golden man named Oscar. Ahead of the ceremony, we're looking at who you can expect to win on page 10, and the best places to watch it all go down on pages 12-13. And if you're itching for more Oscars content, you can read more at **metro.us/entertainment**.

STOCKS HIT BY FEARS OF A TRUMP TRADE WAR

Stocks tumbled on Wall Street while the U.S. dollar fell on Thursday after President Donald Trump said the United States would impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, sparking fears of a harmful global trade war. U.S. steelmaker stock prices jumped on the news after Trump vowed to rebuild American steel and aluminum industries at a meeting of industry officials. But many stocks fell on concerns that, as the cost of imported steel and aluminum rose, costs for consumers would be pushed up. "There's always a concern with this president that you get into a series of trade wars that would hurt domestic or global growth," said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors. Canada said it would retaliate if the U.S. imposes tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum, Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland said.

PUTIN SAYS RUSSIA NOW HAS 'INVINCIBLE' NUKES

2 President Vladimir Putin announced an array of new nuclear weapons on Thursday, in one of his most bellicose speeches in years, saying they could hit almost any point in the world and evade a U.S.-built missile shield. Putin was speaking ahead of an election on March 18 that polls indicate he should win easily. He said a nuclear attack on any of Moscow's allies would be regarded as an attack on Russia itself and draw an immediate response. It was unclear if he had a particular Russian ally, such as Syria, in mind, but his comments seemed like a warning to Washington not to use tactical battlefield nuclear weapons. His remarks were greeted with scepticism in Washington, where officials cast doubt on whether Russia has added any new capabilities to its nuclear arsenal beyond those known to the U.S. military.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

LUNAR NEW YEAR IN SOUTH KOREA

3 South Koreans gather around a huge bonfire during an event marking the day before Jeongwol Daeboreum, a festival celebrating the first full moon of the lunar new year, at a riverside park in Seoul on March 1, 2018. Koreans traditionally mark the occasion with a game involving cans filled with burning charcoal believed to fertilize the soil and rid it of unwanted pests, ensuring a prosperous harvest.

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REPUBLICANS SIGNAL NO QUICK MOVES ON GUNS

4 Republican senators signaled on Thursday that they were hesitant to embrace a call from President Donald Trump for sweeping changes to gun laws, including measures more typically backed by Democrats. Trump shocked fellow Republicans when he threw his support behind a broad set of restrictions on gun sales in response to the Feb. 14 mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people. But he left the issue in the lap of Congress, and did not say how hard he would twist arms in his own party to advance measures that many Americans view as infringing on their constitutional right to own guns. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said banking legislation — not guns — would be at the top of the agenda next week and said the process for gun-related bills was under discussion.

'FRIENDLY FIRE' KILLED MARSHAL IN PA GUNFIGHT

5 A deputy U.S. marshal who was killed in January while serving an arrest warrant in Pennsylvania died by "friendly fire," the Marshals Service said on Thursday. Christopher Hill, 45, was accidentally struck by a bullet fired by a member of a law enforcement team serving an arrest warrant on Shayla Lynette Towles Pierce, 30, at a Harrisburg home for threatening a neighbor with a firearm. When deputy marshals and police entered the house, they were fired on by Kevin Sturgis, 31, who was wanted on charges he shot his pregnant ex-girlfriend in Philadelphia. Investigators believed that Sturgis, who was killed, had fired the bullet that killed Hill. "The preliminary FBI forensics and ballistics review indicates that the round which struck Deputy Hill was fired by a fellow law enforcement officer," the Marshals Service said in a statement.

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Kenney pitches tax hikes to fund schools in budget address

Philly mayor talks soda tax, schools and public safety in annual budget address.

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Mayor Kenney has dismissed criticisms that the $79 million Philly made off the soda tax in 2017, short of the projected $92 million, was a "failure."
CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Mayor Jim Kenney staunchly defended his prized soda tax despite shortfalls in revenue projections while simultaneously calling for increased property taxes in his 2018 budget address to help fund education.

A proposed hike of 6 percent to property taxes, an 8.5 percent increase to the real estate tax and slowing the process of cutting the wage tax were among Kenney's ideas to help fund Philly's school system, along with the city giving an additional $100 million to schools.

"The [School] District's forecast is grim: a $900 million deficit projected by the year 2023," Kenney said during his budget address Thursday at the Philadelphia City Council.

"As we return to local control of schools, we must provide the financial stability the District needs so our students and schools can continue building on the real progress they've made in recent years."

Budget highlights

Mayor Kenney's other spending priorities for the proposed budget:

- **$2 million** more per year for Licenses & Inspections to help demolish approximately 650 unsafe buildings in Philadelphia.
- **$100 million** to the Police Department to get the city a total of 6,525 cops.
- Purchasing new sanitation compactors.
- **$54 million** to the Fire Department to get bring staffing levels to 2,661, including firefighters, paramedics and other staff.
- **$60 million** over five years to re-engineer dangerous locations, obtain "traffic calming" and expand bike lanes as part of Vision Zero, a plan for zero pedestrian deaths by 2030.

Kenney asserted that the property tax hike would only mean $95 extra a year for the "average residential property," or $70 if the property is enrolled in the homestead exemption program. And the city has pursued delinquent taxes strongly, saying 9,000 delinquent properties were brought into compliance, and about 31 percent of delinquent taxes were paid from 2013 to 2017. But that doesn't mean his $4.7 billion proposal will be an easy sell with any tax hikes included.

"Council has a fiduciary obligation to examine the revenue assumptions built into this proposal, and to ensure continued stability and fairness for taxpayers," City Council President Darrell Clarke said in a statement, noting that he introduced legislation Thursday to preserve the currently existing wage-tax reduction schedule.

Kenney shrugged off criticisms that the $79 million Philly made off the soda tax in 2017, short of the projected $92 million, was a "failure."

"I suppose when you can spend $15 million over two years just for lobbying, or when you can pay a single CEO nearly $30 million a year, then maybe $79 million seems like chump change," Kenney said, noting that the tax has already paid for pre-K for 2,700 3- and 4-year-olds, most of whom live below the poverty line, and supported 11 community schools with 6,500 students.

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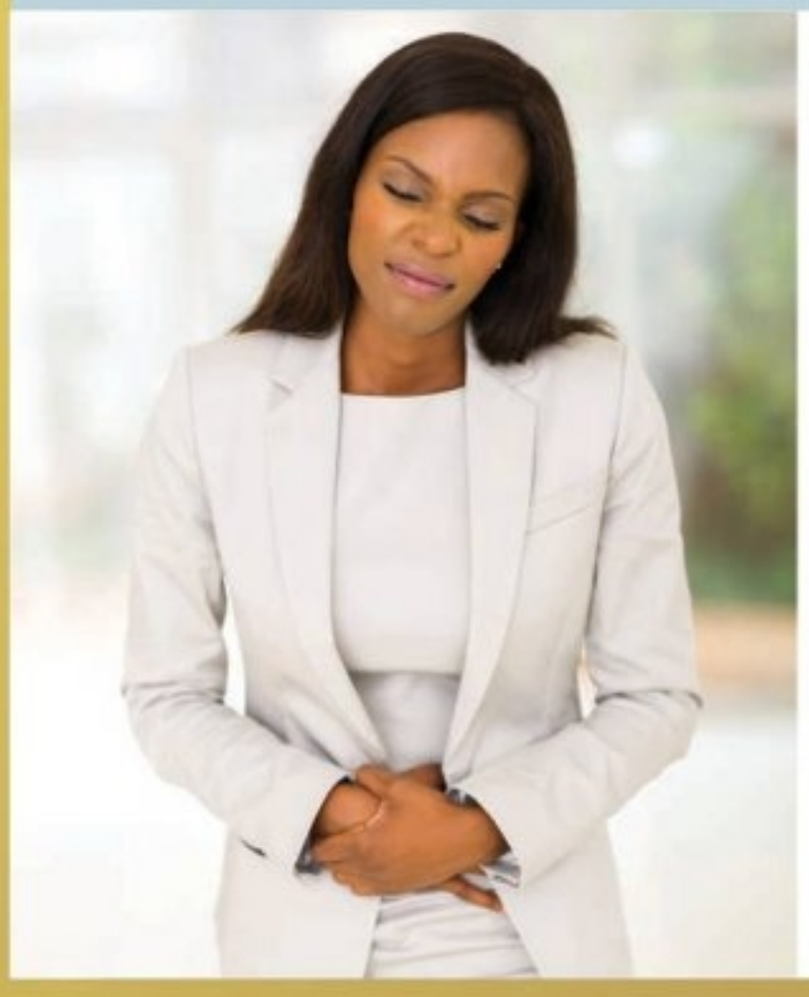

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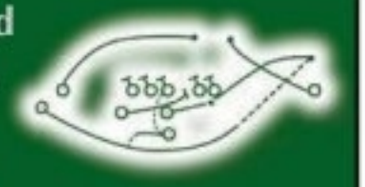

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Funeral services set for police officer found dead at home

Cause of death remains unknown for officer and boyfriend found dead in Port Richmond.

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On Friday, services will begin for a Philadelphia police officer who while off-duty was found dead on Monday inside her home in Port Richmond.

Viewings for Officer Michelle Moran, 36, a 15-year veteran of the force assigned to the 26th District at the time of her death, will begin at 9 a.m. at the Nativity BVM Church by Campbell Square at 2535 East Allegheny Avenue.

The funeral services will be held at the church at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery.

Moran's obituary asks in lieu of flowers for those who wish to pay their respects to send donations to the Pennsylvania SPCA.

The cause of death for Moran, and Jay Trask, 43, identified as her boyfriend, remains unknown. No obvious signs of trauma were reported.

The Medical Examiner's office said an investigation into the deaths is expected to take 12 weeks.

Friends have created a GoFundMe to raise funds for Trask's family.

Trask's services for immediate family are scheduled for Friday and supporters are asked to donate to mattyholmes scholarhip.org in lieu of sending flowers.

Officer Michelle E. Moran, 36, was found dead in her Port Richmond home Monday. COURTESY OF REILLY-RAKOWSKI FUNERAL HOME

KENSINGTON

Former officer charged with assault for violent arrest caught on tape

Former Philadelphia police Officer James Yeager was arrested Thursday and charged with simple assault for throwing a man into the side of an above-ground swimming pool during a chaotic scene in Kensington caught on cellphone video.

Yeager, 26, a four-year veteran of the force, was suspended in August with intent to dismiss after cellphone video emerged of him lifting a handcuffed male with his baton and swinging him headfirst into the side of the pool on July 10.

The video was posted to Facebook, where it currently lists more than 572,000 views.

Officers were responding at the time to an apparent night-time pool party, and in the video, they were arresting a 21-year-old male on the 200 block of East Elkhart Street for narcotics.

Police said the male "was actively resisting arrest by swinging his arms and kicking" but had been handcuffed when Yeager attacked him.

"The footage depicted Officer James Yeager in full uniform grabbing the male after he was handcuffed and forcibly slamming him to the ground," a police report stated. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Trump selling $50 'American Dreamer' hat on his website

The navy-blue hat says "American Dreamer" in white stitching across the front, "#MAGA" in the back and has an American flag on the side.

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Throwing optics to the wind, Donald Trump's campaign site now offers a $50 "American Dreamer" hat, playing off a line from the president's State of the Union speech in January.

The navy-blue hat says "American Dreamer" in white stitching across the front, #MAGA in the back and an American flag on the side.

During his address on Jan. 30, Trump said, "Americans are dreamers too." It was an apparent allusion to Dreamers, the children of undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. Some of those children are eligible for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which allows them to live and work here. Time called the president's phrase a "racist dog-whistle against immigrants."

Last year, Trump announced he would rescind DACA effective March 5, potentially subjecting 690,000 people to deportation. But the courts have blocked that order. Last week, the Supreme Court refused to hear the administration's case, requiring it to proceed through lower courts and ensuring it will stay in place at least until the fall. In the meantime, the government must continue to accept DACA applications.

The State of the Union speech was written by adviser Stephen Miller, a staunch nationalist and anti-immigration hardliner. Miller and White House chief of staff John Kelly are resolutely opposed to loosening immigration restrictions. Members of Congress have complained they have blocked Trump from making a deal to resolve the issue.

Attempts to create a permanent solution to DACA have stalled in Congress and resulted in the brief government shutdown last month. The Trump administration last proposed a path to citizenship for Dreamers in exchange for funding for Trump's long-promised border wall with Mexico. Both political parties objected.

As of now, there are no votes on immigration bills scheduled in either the Senate or the House. Any changes to immigration law are considered unlikely before November's midterm elections.

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Trump greets Parkland survivor Samuel Zeif at a listening session on Wednesday, Feb. 21. GETTY IMAGES

OP-ED: WHAT IT'S LIKE IN PARKLAND THREE WEEKS LATER

A former Philly-area resident describes what it's like to live 3 miles from the location of the horrific school shooting.

I recently moved from Central Pennsylvania to Coral Springs, Florida, just 3 or so miles from Parkland, the location of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 people were killed by a gunman Feb. 14.

I have never seen a community in so much pain. Funerals every day! Strangers embracing and comforting each other. There are conversations about the shooting everywhere I go: in stores, restaurants, the supermarket. Now, over two weeks later, all around town, people are even angrier, sadder and more determined that something good can come out of the latest horrific school shooting.

Students here are brave, articulate and dedicated to making a change. They are strong and determined. We in the community will help them implement the changes needed to make getting an education safe. We must have their backs.

Americans, especially Floridians, are very protective of their right to own guns. We're quick to scoff at any proposal aimed at controlling ownership of weapons of war. It's clear to me, from the incredible increase in mass shootings since the Assault Weapons Ban expired in 2004, that our government can and must do something to protect us.

There are many opinions on how to or whether to ban guns on school property. Our president wants our teachers and staff armed and trained to kill. He does not like gun-free zones on school property. (At least that was his opinion this week). The National Rifle Association thinks more guns will keep us safe. Common sense does not support these arguments. I just do not understand.

I believe that arming teachers will not stop a person with an AR-15. It is clear to me that the only reason for owning an assault rifle it is to kill as many people as possible in the smallest amount of time. Armed staff in our schools make no sense to me. If the guns are locked up for safety, to keep out of children's reach, they will not be readily available in an emergency.

This is not an option that will make things better. Making it illegal or much more difficult to purchase these weapons of mass destruction, like the one used in Parkland, makes sense. Responsible gun owners should welcome regulations on age, mental health, owning and storing such weapons so that they are no longer used to hunt down innocent people.

My daughter and daughter-in-law are teachers, and they should not be the last line of defense against assassination. Making them safe is something I am passionate about, and I will do everything I can to stop this madness.

Sensible gun laws and regulations are needed to guarantee our lives and future generations. While the Second Amendment protects the right to bear arms, that right is not unlimited and does not prohibit all regulation of either firearms or similar devices.

I hope we keep the focus on what happened and don't miss this opportunity to make changes.

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Opinion

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Sixers owner nearly took job in Trump White House

Trump staffer and son-in-law Jared Kushner's company received a loan from billionaire and Sixers principal owner Joshua Harris in 2017.
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Joshua Harris' company apparently gave Jared Kushner a gigantic loan before benefitting from the GOP tax bill.

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In the ever complicating web stemming from the White House into seemingly everything scandalous, Philadelphia sports finally have a direct tie to Donald Trump.

According to reports from The New York Times, billionare and Sixers principle owner Joshua Harris gave Trump staffer and son-in-law Jared Kushner's company a loan in 2017.

The loan was for $184 million and helped Kushner's Chicago-based real estate firm refinance a mortgage.

What's wrong with that? On the surface nothing. Harris, the founder of Apollo Global Management, is worth $3.5 billion. But beyond the surface, something is fishy.

The loan amount was more than triple Apollo's usual figure, the Times said. It also came after Harris met with White House officials, including Kushner, to discuss financial and trade policy. A person close to the situation said they did not discuss Kushner's loan.

It was confirmed, however, that Harris was considered for a White House job but the position never materialized.

The reason why typically — until the Trump administration — business dealings, ties and involvement were severed before employees took jobs in the White House was to avoid these kinds of corrupt-seeming situations.

According to the Times, "Apollo has sought ways to benefit from the White House's possible infrastructure plan. And its executives, including Mr. Harris, had tens of millions of dollars personally at stake in the tax overhaul that was making its way through Washington last year."

Harris has been seen more often than not courtside rooting on the Sixers, which are ascending to playoff contention after years of tanking. Whether the loan and the benefits Harris' company experienced will lead to anything more is unknown.

OPIOID CRISIS

Trump says he has spoken with Sessions about suing opioid companies

President Donald Trump said on Thursday that he had spoken with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions about bringing a lawsuit against companies involved in the opioid business.

"I've also spoken with Jeff [Sessions] about bringing a lawsuit against some of these opioid companies," Trump said at a "summit" hosted by the White House on the nation's opioid crisis. "Hopefully we can do some litigation against the opioid companies."

Hundreds of states, counties and cities have sued drugmakers and distributors, saying the manufacturers have deceptively marketed opioids and distributors have failed to take action against indications the painkillers were diverted for improper uses.

On Tuesday, Sessions announced that the federal government would seek reimbursement from major drug companies and distributors to recoup costs from the opioid epidemic. The Justice Department will file a "statement of interest" in consolidated litigation on opioids.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 42,000 people died from opioid overdoses in 2016, the last year with publicly available data.
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What to expect at *the Oscars* on Sunday

An Academy Award expert breaks down possible Best Picture victories, scandals among the nominees and why "Get Out" will have the longest-lasting impact. GREGORY WAKEMAN

The 2018 Academy Awards will unfold Sunday night in Hollywood, and we're still not sure who is going to walk away with the top prize.

To help us figure it out, we chatted with Dr. Sorcha Ní Fhlainn, a senior lecturer in film studies at Manchester Metropolitan University — and a bona fide Oscar expert — about the Academy Awards favorites, the possible ramifications of a "Shape of Water" or "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" Best Picture win and why "Get Out" will make the longest-lasting impact of all the nominees.

What do you think will win Best Picture?
I would initially have said "Three Billboards." But now I think that "Shape of Water" might pip it. I would put it in between those two. I can't see a dark horse taking it.

Do you think the backlash to "Three Billboards" might give "Get Out" or "Lady Bird" a chance?
I would love to see "Get Out" get it. I just don't think it has the momentum to win Best Picture. If we were still doing the top five rather than top nine, I don't think "Get Out" would have made it. But I would love to see "Get Out" win Best Original Screenplay. That would be superb. I do think it has a good shot at that, actually.

Jimmy Kimmel will play the host again at the ceremony for the 90th Academy Awards. GETTY IMAGES

I can't see anyone other than Guillermo Del Toro taking Best Director.
That's sewn up. Christopher Nolan ["Dunkirk"] will get it at another time.

You think it will be a Best Picture and Best Director double for "The Shape Of Water," though?
Certainly Best Director. What will tell us on the night is if the Best Original Screenplay goes to Martin McDonagh. Then ["Three Billboards"] is a Best Picture win. If it goes to Jordan Peele or a dark horse wins it, then the Best Picture will go to "Shape of Water."

What other clues should Oscar viewers look out for?
Production Design can give you clues as well. I think "Blade Runner 2049" will get a lot of the technical awards. If "Shape of Water" gets Production Design, it might tell us something, simply because of the fantasy-film element. I really reckon it is with the scripts for Best Picture, because they are intrinsically linked. I don't think "Lady Bird" will win anything, but it will be celebrated on the night. Allison Janney is a sure thing.

Surely it is a clean sweep for her, Sam Rockwell (Best Supporting Actor), Gary Oldman (Best Actor) and Frances McDormand (Best Actress).
Certainly McDormand. It is kind of a pity, in a way, because dark-horse actor winners are always so much more enjoyable. It is very unlikely after the Screen

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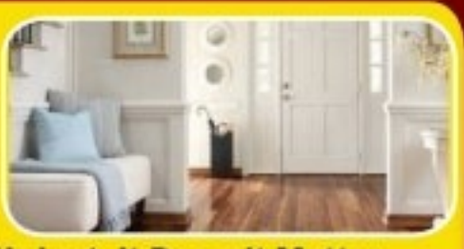

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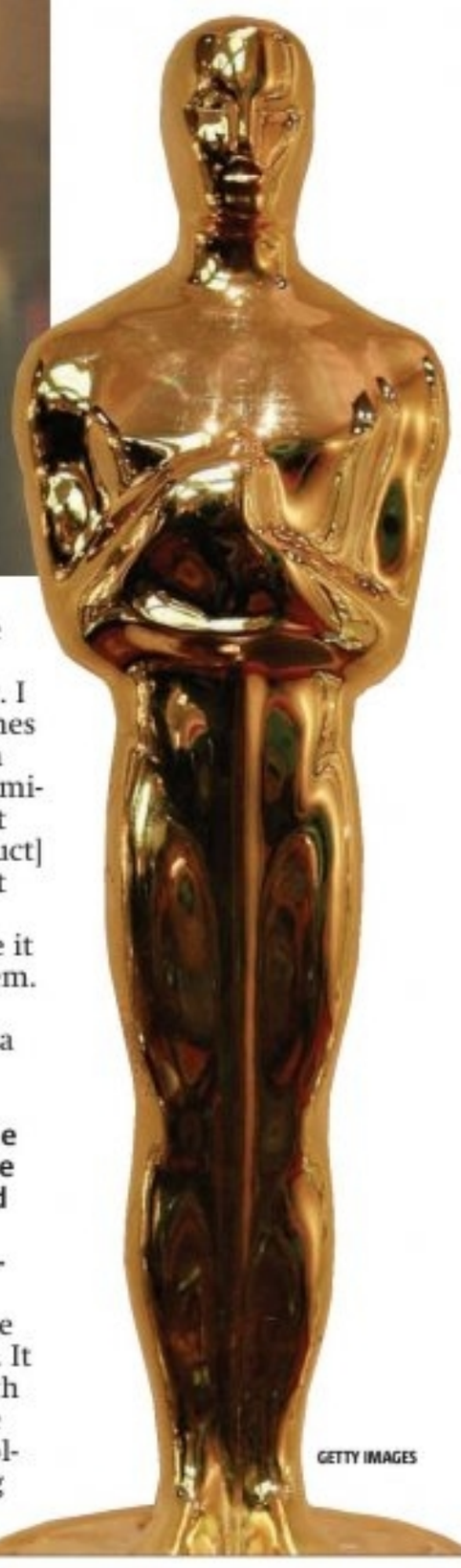
Actors Guild and the Golden Globes that the vote will be split. I was surprised by James Franco not earning a Best Actor Award nomination. They say that the sexual [misconduct] allegations shouldn't have impacted his nomination, because it broke so close to them. But I believe it was brewing in the media before it broke.

Do you think that the Academy would have changed or switched the nominations to make itself look better?
I think it was just the history of the actors. It wasn't unknown with Franco before. There have been rumors following him. Nothing like Weinstein. But it didn't work in his favor. Funnily enough though it hasn't affected Oldman. Because he has a history of terrible marriages, and his ex-wife has accused him of domestic abuse. Oldman has got out of this remarkably clean.

Why, though? Do you think that the narrative of Oldman winning Best Actor has been set in stone for months?
I find it strange. It was well known that he had a lot of bad relationships and was an alcoholic. Whether it is because they were divorced, that might be why it isn't sticking. Possibly it is being dismissed as he said / she said.



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Do you think there will be a backlash to "Three Billboards" if it does win Best Picture?
That is odd to me because McDonagh has always covered racism and sexism in his projects, it is just that this time he has sliced them into an American context. I didn't find anything particularly racist about it.

Talk about the long-term impact of the films nominated. I think that "Get Out" is the film that in 10 years everyone will still be talking about.
I think so, too. Because it is a film that isn't afraid to talk about its message. It isn't trying to suppress its message, doesn't give into cliché, or racist stereotypes, and what it does is amplify the hypocrisy that has been put aside in the age of Trump. Because people have felt more emboldened to be racist. They don't have to hide behind their liberal lie. "Get Out" unmasks that liberal lie and the bits of racism that occur in everyday life in American. I don't think the Oscars means a whole lot to my students now. But over time, in the next 10 or 15 years, that's when people will start to recognize the importance of these films and their quality.

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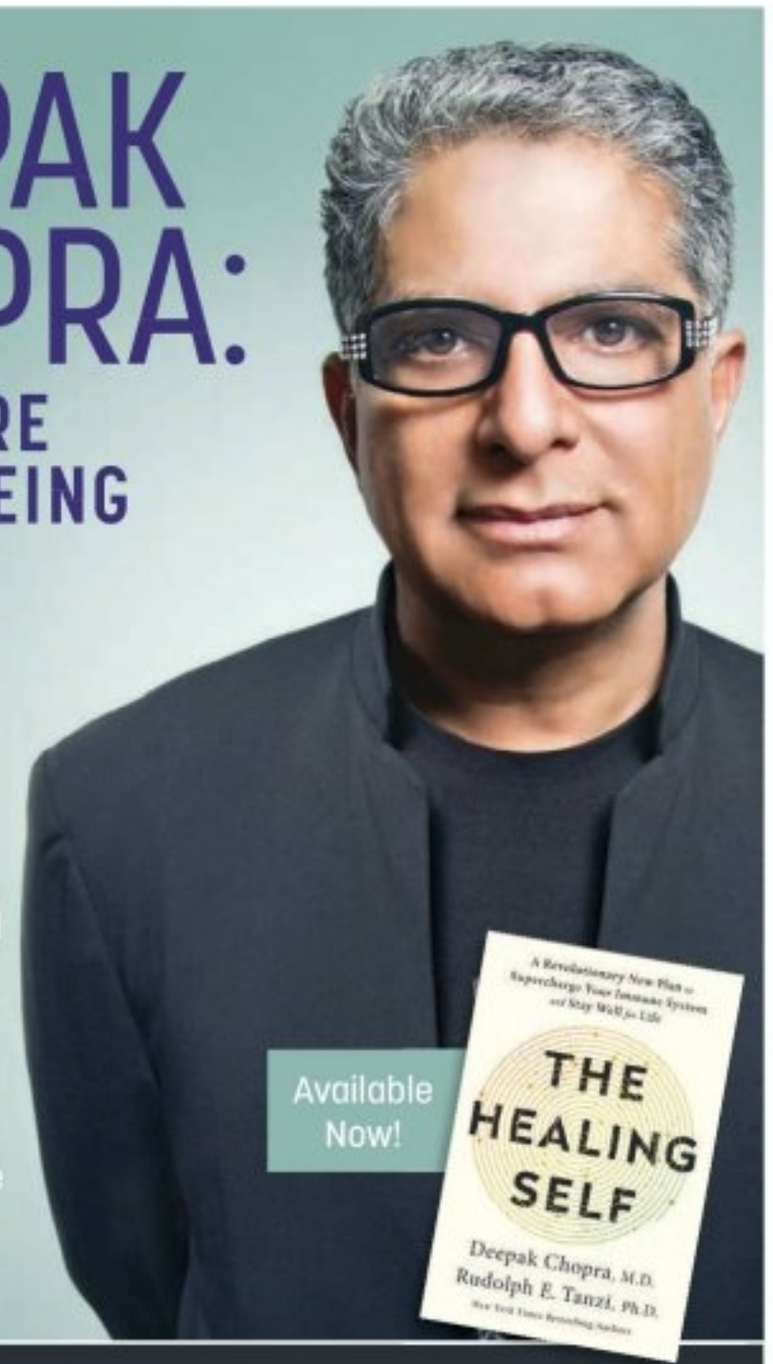

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"Watching the Academy Awards at the Prince Theater is an incredible experience," Calabro says. "Seeing the show stream on such a huge screen brings every laugh, tear, and cheer to life that much more. Just like watching films, watching the Academy Awards with an audience changes the experience completely. With a full auditorium, viewers can feel the excitement of what is happening on screening and of the people around them."

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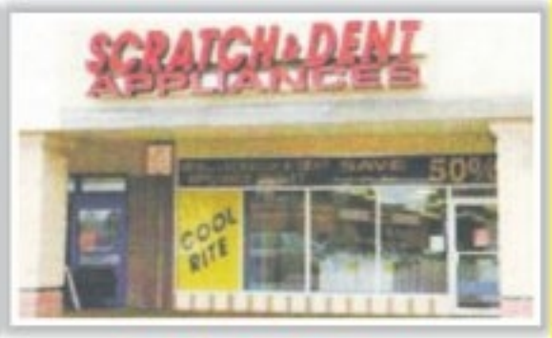

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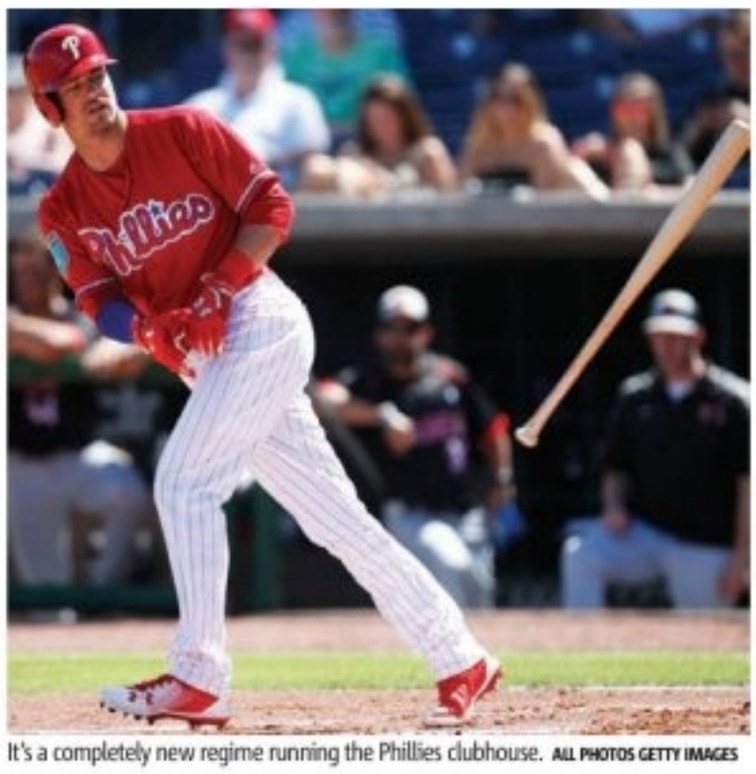

It's a completely new regime running the Phillies clubhouse. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

We're used to seeing players riding buses to games. We're not used to buses riding around players locker rooms.

When roaming the Phillies' locker room, you'll see something peculiar hanging above one of the pitchers' lockers. Pitching coach Rick Kranitz calls it the "Sensitive Bus."

"You know, sometimes guys get a little sensitive about things," Kranitz said. "They start jabbing each other a little, getting under each others' skin. It doesn't even have to be about baseball. You have to have tough skin. The boys, they don't ever want the bus in their locker."

The 2-foot-long yellow bus has emojis of sad faces and teary-eyed faces stuck on it as a reminder to keep their emotions in check. It currently resides at Aaron Nola's locker, but Kranitz says that's not from his behavior so far at spring training.

"Nobody's earned it this year, and that's great," Kranitz said.

Not everyone sees this as a productive method of helping a young pitcher's confidence. Tim Malcolm of Philliesnation.com is one of them.

"Some may think it's a good idea to keep players in one mindset, not to get carried away emotionally, etc., but I personally believe expressing one's emotions is a good thing," Malcolm wrote. "It's healthy, natural and, without doing so, can really harm oneself and others."

To the team, it seems it's more of a fun and light-hearted thing to liven up the clubhouse.

"If somebody gets on somebody's nerves and there's some sensitivity, I'll just go get it and put it in their locker," Kranitz said. "Hey, I might put it in my own locker."

The Phillies could use something to smile about. At just 1-5 so far in spring training, they'll face the Rays (4-3), Orioles (1-5), Pirates (0-4) and Blue Jays (2-4) to finish out the week.

What's keeping Phillies from signing a starter?

Nearly a week of spring training games are in the books and the triumvirate of Jake Arrieta, Lance Lynn and Chris Archer are still free agents.

The Phillies have been tied to all three, with recent reports suggesting that Lynn is the latest in talks with Philadelphia as they look to bolster their starting rotation.

The Phillies could use help. Spring Training, of course, means nothing in the win/loss columns but the starting pitching has been dreadful this spring. After a 1-6 start, seven starters have taken the mound. Nick Pivetta was the latest victim, failing to get through two innings. Every Phils starter save for Ben Lively has given up at least a run in their two-innings (or less) of work with Jerad Eickhoff, Aaron Nola and Vince Velasquez surrendering at least three runs.

Reinforcements would be nice and the Phillies have the money to add some with the lowest payroll in baseball and some of the highest revenue thanks to a recent deal with NBCSP network.

But there is a snag to the potential acquisitions. Signing any of them would force Philly to surrender a draft pick as compensation — their second best remaining pick. They would also have to give away some of their foreign-player money as well. Philadelphia already lost a pick when they signed Carlos Santana earlier this offseason. EVAN MACY

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How Roseman plans to rebuild the Super Bowl champion Eagles, again

How will the Eagles GM shake things up so the Eagles can be new and improved in 2018?

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In the modern NFL, even winning a Super Bowl is not a guarantee of continued success.

Due to the salary cap, aging players, a seven-round NFL draft and evolving schemes and strategies, the Eagles will likely look a lot different in 2018.

"If we say, 'Hey we're going to bring everything back and do everything the same,' we're going to get our ass kicked," Eagles GM Howie Roseman said at the NFL Combine earlier this week.

Philly is still around $9 million over the salary cap, they have a dozen free agents left to decide on and draft picks to eventually make and sign. How will they make the ship sail again and fight to return to the Super Bowl?

Collect more draft picks

The Eagles have six picks in the 2018 draft, the 32nd overall pick and then five picks on the third day. They have no second or third rounder. Roseman acknowledged that sitting out the entire day Friday wasn't a great plan.

"If there are options to not sit out Night 2, it would be better than the big calendar in our office ... that says, 'golf outing, Friday.'" Roseman said. "We're definitely going to try to be active and get more picks. But it's not like we can just demand it."

Philly is in a position where they have nearly every significant veteran piece locked down, and adding young cheap talent could be an excellent way to fill the holes, using coaching and a fantastic locker room culture to ingratiate new players into the Eagles' system. Getting picks is easier said than done. Expect trade rumors surrounding players like Mychal Kendricks, Vinny Curry and Nick Foles — potential swaps for draft picks — to arise in the coming months.

And don't be surprised of Roseman finds a way to flip the 32nd pick for two picks on Day 2.

Continue to make trades

In the calendar year of 2017, Roseman and the Eagles front office made 10 trades — including those made on draft day. Many of those trades can be credited with propelling the Eagles to a world championship. Trades helped Philly acquire Timmy Jernigan, Jay Ajayi and Ronald Darby while also jockying for draft picks and position and opening up salary space.

The most memorable trades were ones that swapped future potential (picks) for proven players on their rookie deals. This tactic is becoming more and more popular (the Patriots famously did the same in trading for Brandin Cooks, the Rams for Sammy Watkins and more). The Eagles will be aggressive and will be moving parts constantly throughout this offseason.

Restructuring, signing smart

The Eagles need money and they can get it with some creative cap management. Jason Peters, Brandon Graham, Curry and others are huge cap hits in 2018 and should be open to moving some money into the signing bonus category or take a pay cut. The luxury of being a Super Bowl champion is getting players who want to win at a discount.

The same goes for free agents. Nigel Bradham will be key, and the Eagles will look to ink him back to lead the linebacking corps. But other pieces are important too. Which is why reports are saying the Birds and cornerback Patrick Robinson have been talking deal lately. Making the right decisions with last year's personnel will be key

Roseman has been planning for next season since before the Super Bowl. GETTY IMAGES

Creativity

The thing that makes Roseman the best executive in football is his creativity. Moving back a dozen or so places in the draft to get Jernigan. Using Matthews to get Darby and then signing Alshon Jeffery. Using multiple trades — a few seasons ago — to get enough draft picks to trade up to take Carson Wentz. Having the foresight to sign Nick Foles as backup quarterback.

Roseman will make some interesting decisions this spring, but Eagles fans now trust him with their lives.

"Anyone who wants to talk about anything, you can put this message out for us, but I think they know it," Roseman said of Foles and other players being available. "That's how we want to be known as an organization."

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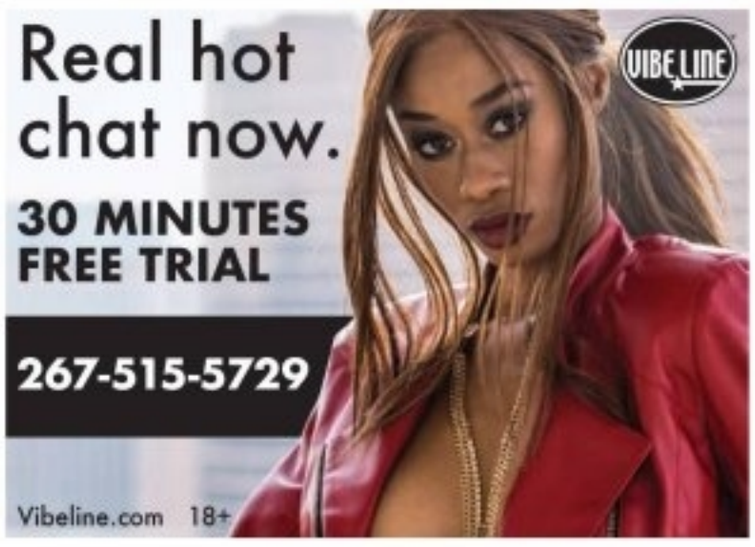

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5 Wyo. neighbor
9 Congratulate oneself
13 Theater award
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16 Autobahn vehicle
17 Person's nature
18 Dirty streak
19 Work a cure
20 Jog or bike
22 Swamp vapor
24 Yeasty brew
25 Light bender
27 Tall cactus
31 Reveals
35 Sentence parts
36 Taunting remark
38 Flat boat
39 What -- you doing?
40 Fortune-teller
43 Charlotte of "Bananas"
44 Numbered hwys.
46 Plumbing need
47 Ms. Verdugo
49 Wisconsin capital
51 Most nimble
53 Worthless talk
55 Expertise
56 Revive (2 wds.)
59 Marco Polo, for one
64 Sharif of the movies
65 Move blindly
67 Timber wolf
68 "Kon- --"
69 Gullible rustic
70 Pitcher
71 Ancient Greek covered walk
72 Pollen distributors
73 Pro -- (in proportion)

Down
1 Big name in speakers
2 Mountain goat
3 Annoy
4 Acquire by deceit
5 Snoopier
6 Boulevard liners
7 Censor
8 Narrow inlet
9 Nassau's islands
10 Reproaches oneself for
11 Bede or Ant
12 Large lizard
15 Valuable furs
21 Embrace
23 Belief
26 Red gemstones
27 Throng
28 Large artery
29 Avarice
30 Wolf's pastime
32 Mountainside debris
33 Zen riddles
34 Perspire
37 Scamp
41 Something owed, maybe
42 Land, to Pierre
45 Russian "icebox"
48 More diminutive
50 Be idle
52 Discussion groups
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60 Fencing sword
61 Dubuque locale
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63 Ms.Ephron
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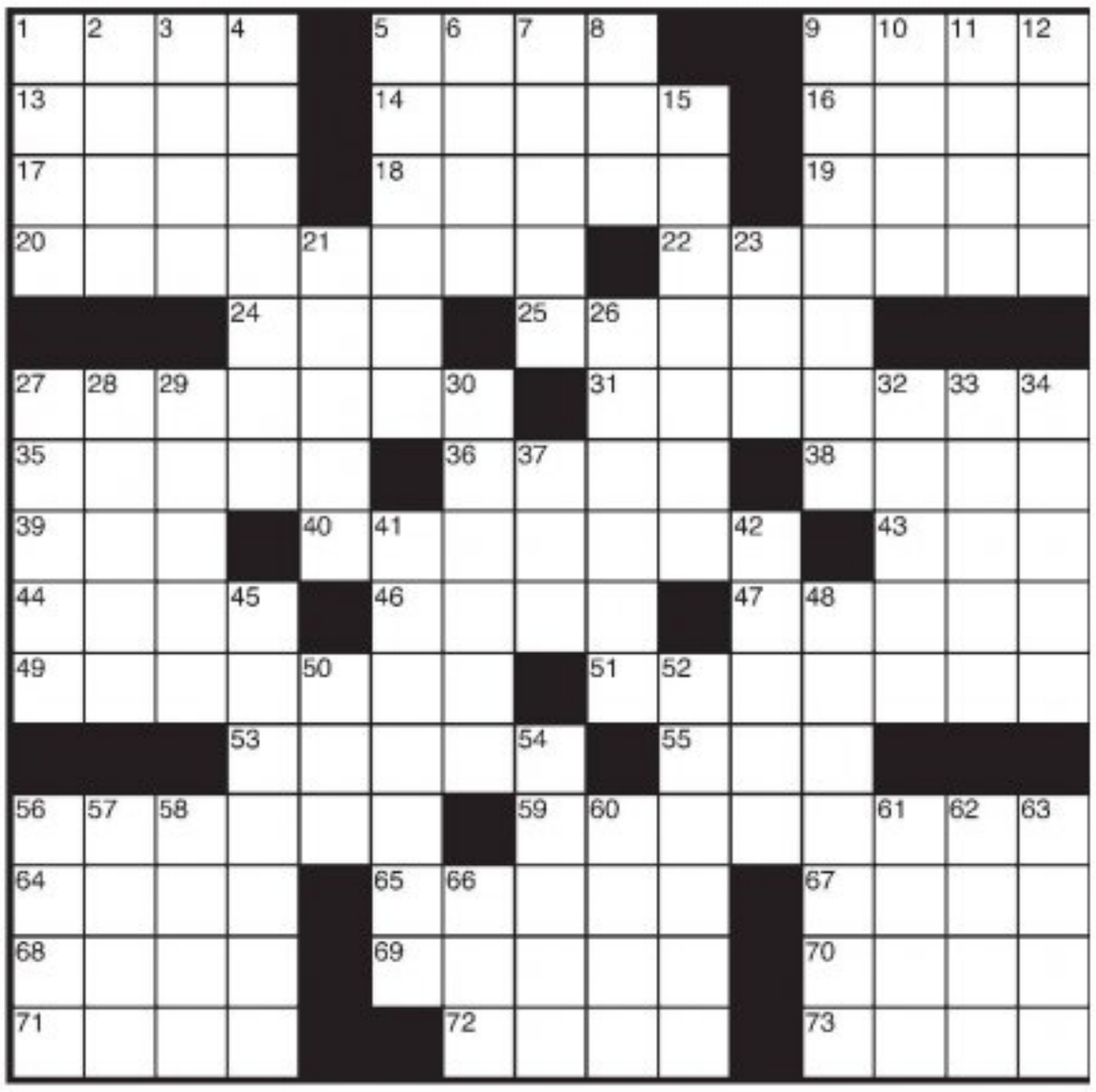

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Aries Observation will help you avoid being caught in someone else's blunder. Don't feel the need to back up someone who has proven to be untrustworthy in the past.

Taurus Getting along with others will be key if you want to get things done. Don't feel you must pay for others or put up with someone asking for a handout.

Gemini Group efforts will be difficult. Either someone you are close to will complain about where you are spending your time or you'll be taken advantage of by someone.

Cancer Positive changes can be made at home or work. What someone does to annoy you will be a blessing in disguise. Follow your heart and prepare to make a move.

Leo Problems with friends or family must be handled carefully. Don't blame others if someone wants to do things differently. Avoid travel, emotional discussions and indulgence.

Virgo Making personal and physical changes or plans with someone special is highlighted. A romantic encounter will lift your spirits and encourage you to make a commitment.

Libra Getting along with your peers or employer will make your life easier. Do what's expected of you and positive change will come your way.

Scorpio Make love a priority and do something nice for the people you care about. Personal changes will boost your morale and give you momentum in a romantic pursuit.

Sagittarius Problems with friends, relatives and authority figures will be emotionally and financially costly. Arguments will not solve the problem, but common sense will.

Capricorn Take care of matters that require commitment, like personal contracts, negotiations and joint finances. A romantic gesture will encourage unity and a promising future.

Aquarius Situations will escalate quickly and get blown out of proportion if you aren't willing to compromise and negotiate fairly. The ability to give and take will be necessary.

Pisces Put more into your personal and professional relationships. Set the standard and expectations. Don't mirror others. Be who you are to find happiness. EUGENIA LAST

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